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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information25X1

1. On 20 February 1954, the Sachsenhof Kaserne (3082), Cottbus, was occupied by about 1,800 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia; and, a few, black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 13 and 20 February, an undetermined number of troops repeatedly received instruction on 2 T-34/85 tanks and up to 160 troops received field training, while about 300 troops drilled in the barracks yard.

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2. On 20 February, the Hermann Loens Kaserne (3083) was occupied by about 1,800 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia; and, a few, black-bordered crimson epaulets. Two JS-3 tanks and 6 T-34/85 tanks. The AAA emplacement was occupied as previously by an 37-mm AA gun. Field training was conducted similar as in the Sachsenhof Kaserne.

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3. the fenced-in installation adjoining Hermann Loens Kaserne had been vacated, except for the town komendatura. The buildings allegedly were scheduled to quarter officer families, as the Soviet Army allegedly did not intend to requisition additional civilian-occupied buildings.

4. On 20 February, the Alvensleben Kaserne (3084) was occupied by about 250 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Little training was observed in the barracks area. The guns, which previously had been observed in the yard, presumably were stored in the new vehicle sheds.

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5. On 20 February, the Dissenchen Kaserne (3081) was occupied by about 1,200 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia; and, a few, black-bordered crimson and black-bordered black epaulets. Four T-34/85 tanks, armored personnel carriers about 4 trucks occupied by troops and 2 trucks towing light AT guns were seen in the training area on one day of observation.

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6. On 7 February, the Hermann Loens Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Prior to 7 February, 2 JS-2 tanks [redacted] and 3 to 4 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] were seen in the barracks area. An undetermined number of troops daily received basic training, engaged in the construction of trench positions and received instruction on tanks, including aiming practice. Two presumably 37-mm AA guns were seen in the southeast section of the installation. Beginning about mid-January, the tanks received a new coat of paint [redacted]. Painting work was still under way on 7 February. 25X1
7. On 7 February, the Sachsendorf Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Prior to 7 February, individual JS-2 tanks were repeatedly observed at practice runs and two and three-axle armored scout cars were seen through the open doors of the sheds. Troops seen in the barracks area received basic training, instruction on light machine guns and up to 3 x 82-mm mortars. 25X1

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